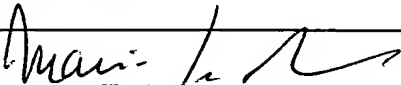
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**PETITION TO REVIVE  
ABANDONED APPLICATION  
UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)**

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Confirmation No.	5162
First Named Inventor	Hu
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Filing Date	09/23/2003
Group Art Unit	3732
Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
Title	Method and Apparatus to Create a Working Opening Through an Incision

Sir:

Applicants, by way of this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), request revival of the above-captioned application, which is currently abandoned, and that Payment of the issue fee and publication fee, filed concurrently herewith, be entered for issuance of this application as a patent. The issue fee and publication fee are being submitted herewith.

The petition fee as set forth in 37CFR 1.17(m) is also included herewith.

Applicants state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply to Notice of Allowance until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

Accordingly, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to revive the present application from the holding of abandonment, apply the issue fee and publication fee, and send this case to issue.

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No fees in addition to those noted above in this petition are believed to be due. However, if for any reason an additional fee should be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-010CON2.

Respectfully submitted,  
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